

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Those who died recently:** Elizabeth (Lilly) Young (her Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 6th of October at 10am), Nancy Donnelly, Gerry Gorman.  
**The Months Minds and Anniversaries of:** Jack Foley, John Brady, John Lawrie, John & Mary McGinley, Daniel & Susan O'Donnell.

**OCTOBER DEVOTIONS**

Following a few conversations, I have decided to schedule our October Devotions every Thursday during October.  
 The schedule would then be:

6.00pm	The Angelus followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6.00pm-6.15pm	Silent Prayer
6.15pm	Recitation of the Glorious Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary
6.30pm	Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament

**FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION AND MISSION**

Pope Francis invites us all to take part in the Synod which will reflect on these themes. Every parish is asked to come together in prayer, listening and discernment to hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to us. In communion with each other, we experience that "we belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God" (1 Corinthians 3.23). Bishop Toal will mark the beginning of this synodal process with the celebration of Mass in Motherwell Cathedral on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm. Make a note of this in your diary and take part in this important diocesan event. Please let me know you wish to attend.

**SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL**

We now meet every **Tuesday after the 7.00pm Mass in St Anthony's**. Please come along if you would like to help. However, anyone interested in volunteering with the SSVP would be most welcome as the more members we have would enable us to reach more people in the parish.

**RCIA**

The RCIA programme will begin on **MONDAY 4TH OF OCTOBER at 7pm in St Mark's Church House**. If you or anyone you know is interested in knowing more about the Catholic Church then please contact the Parish, or speak to me at one of the Masses to sign up for this year's programme.

**MUSIC**

I'd like to meet everyone who is involved in music ministry in the Parish. Can we please meet on **THURSDAY 30TH OF SEPTEMBER in St Marks Church House**.

**GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

You may have noticed that some work is being carried out. The drains in grounds of both Churches have now been cleared and repaired. The roof of St Mark's will have some much needed work done to it in the next week or two as well, the guttering will all be cleared, repaired and painted and serious roof leaks will be repaired. The grounds around St Marks Hall will also be cleared and tided. A South Lanarkshire unpaid working team will begin to clean and paint the exterior fences on Wednesday, starting at St Anthony's and later moving onto St Mark's.

**TEA AND COFFE MORNING**

The tea and coffee morning continues after Morning Mass every Wednesday at St Mark's. Please feel free to join us for this lovely get together and chat. Sandwiches, cakes and biscuits are also on offer.

**PARISH FINANCE**

Our Parish finance team is beginning to take shape. If you have time and would like to help out, we are looking for volunteers to help count the weekly collection's. This will happen after the 10am Mass in St Mark's. For further information please contact the parish by email, or just speak to me at one of the Masses.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR LAST WEEKEND: £**

# ST ANTHONY'S & ST MARK'S

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## The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time/Year B 26h September 2021

**FR DOUGAN**

The dinner dance & presentation have for Fr Dougan is on **FRIDAY 1st OCTOBER in Burnside Hotel 7pm for 7.30pm**. Tickets £25 & includes 3 course meal. A collection is being taken up at all Masses, envelopes provided. Tickets are also on sale and should be paid on collection.

**THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND**

Thank you to those of you who have let me know about the sick and housebound parishioners. I would like to continue to update the list of those in our community who are sick and housebound. If you are sick or housebound or if you know anyone who is then **please let me know as soon as possible. It's very important that I contact them**. You can telephone, email, or speak to me at Mass.

**BOOK CLUB**

Thank you to those of you who have registered your interest in a parish book club. Can we please meet on **Wednesday 6th of October in St Mark's Church house at 7.00pm**. Anyone interested in joining the parish book club is welcome to come along.

**ST ANTHONY'S CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

The children's liturgy at the 11.30am Mass is open to all children from nursery age to Primary 6 age.

**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**

I'd like to establish books of remembrance for display in each Church. Each month the book will display the names of parishioners who died during that particular month. Unfortunately, our records are not complete though. Could you please send me the name of anyone you know who has died since the foundation of the Churches for inclusion in the books or remembrance? Hopefully they will be ready for All Souls Day in November.

**SCOUT GROUP**

The 137th St Columbkille's Scout Group have begun to use the Hall in St Mark's on a **Wednesday evening from 6.30pm until 9pm**. The Scout group is open to young people between the ages of 6 and 25 years old. If you are interested in joining then please go the hall on Wednesday evenings.

# ORDINARY TIME - WEEK 26

## YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

**SUNDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER** (Readings: Numbers 11: 25-29; Psalm 18; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43)

- 10.00am** Holy Mass for Ordinary Sunday 26B at **St Mark's**  
**11.30am** Holy Mass for Ordinary Sunday 26B at **St Anthony's**  
**5.00pm** Holy Mass for Ordinary Sunday 26B at **St Anthony's**

**MONDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER**

### THE MEMORIAL OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

*St Vincent de Paul, Priest, 1580-1660, committed to care of the disadvantaged and the oppressed, founded the Congregation of the Mission (the Vincentians) and the Daughters of Charity (1633), the first sisters to work outside their convents in active service.*

(Readings: Zechariah 8:1-8; Psalm 101; Luke 9:46-50)

- At St Mark's**  
**9.00am-10.00am** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
**10.00am** Holy Mass for the memorial of St Vincent De Paul

**TUESDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER**

(Readings: Zechariah 8:20-23; Psalm 86; Luke 9:51:56)

- At St Anthony's**  
**6.00pm - 7.00pm** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
**7.00pm** Holy Mass for the Tuesday of Week 26 in Ordinary Time followed by the Novena to St Anthony

**WEDNESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER**

### THE FEAST OF SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL

*Saints Michael Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels: Gabriel brought the message to Mary and the Annunciation. Raphael was the guide to Tobias. Michael has been venerated as protector of Christians in general and soldiers in particular.*

(Readings: Daniel 7:9-10.13-14; Psalm 137; John 1:47-51)

- At St Mark's**  
**9.00am-10.00am** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
**9.30am** Recitation of the Glorious Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary  
**10.00am** Holy Mass for the Feast of Saints Michael Gabriel and Raphael  
**10.30am** Tea and Coffee morning in St Mark's Hall

**THURSDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER**

### THE MEMORIAL OF ST JEROME

*St Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church, c.347-420, was secretary to Pope Damasus I and was tasked with translating the Bible into Latin, a translation known as 'The Vulgate'. He moved to Bethlehem and wrote commentaries on Scripture.*

(Readings: Nehemiah 8:1-12; Psalm 18; Luke 10:1-12)

- At St Anthony's**  
**9.00am-10.00am** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
**10.00am** Holy Mass for the Memorial of St Jerome

**FRIDAY 1ST OCTOBER**

### THE MEMORIAL OF ST THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

*St Thérèse of the Child Jesus (or of Lisieux), Virgin and Doctor of the Church. Born at Alcençon in France, in 1873, Thérèse entered the Lisieux Carmelite Monastery as a young girl. Battling physical weakness and psychological vulnerability, she practised the virtues of humility, gospel simplicity and a firm confidence in God. Her "Little Way" means taking God at his word and letting his love for us wash away our sins and imperfections. She died in 1897 and was canonised in 1925.*

(Readings: Haggai 1:15-2:9; Psalm 42; Luke 9:18-22)

- At St Mark's**  
**10.00am** Holy Mass for the Memorial of St Thérèse of the Child Jesus (or of Lisieux)

As this is the first Friday of the Month, our Primary school communities will be joining us at Mass via our YouTube channel.

- 7.00pm** Dinner dance in honour of Fr Dougan at the Burnside Hotel

**SATURDAY 2ND OCTOBER**

### THE MEMORIAL OF THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

*The feast of the Holy Guardian Angels celebrates the belief that God assigns an angel to guard body and soul, an expression of God's personal care for each individual. A similar belief is also found in Jewish and other religious thought.*

(Readings: Baruch 4:5-12.27-29; Psalm 68: 10-13; Matthew 18:1-5.10)

- At St Anthony's**  
**9.00am-10.00am** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
**9.30am-9.55am** Confession available  
**9:30am** Recitation of the Joyful Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary  
**10.00am** Holy Mass for the Memorial of The Holy Guardian Angels  
**11.00am** Gardening Club Meeting at **St Mark's**

### THE 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In the Gospel next week, Jesus continues to teach his Disciples. He has already stated that discipleship means renouncing self and taking up the Cross. A question about the legality of divorce was out of place since divorce was lawful in Roman society. The issue here is about treating another human being, a wife, as a possession which could be disposed of with a written statement. That is never permissible in the kingdom of God.

- 5.00pm** Vigil Mass for Ordinary Sunday 27B at **St Mark's**

**SUNDAY 3RD OCTOBER**

(Readings: Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 127; Hebrews 2: 9-11; Mark 10: 2-16)

- 10.00am** Holy Mass for Ordinary Sunday 27B at **St Mark's**  
**11.30am** Holy Mass for Ordinary Sunday 27B at **St Anthony's**  
**5.00pm** Holy Mass for Ordinary Sunday 27B at **St Anthony's**

### PARISH GARDENS

If you are interested in working to maintain and improve the gardens of our Churches, please let me know. Ideally I'd like to establish a garden club that would meet after 10am Mass on a Saturday morning. Please meet in the gardens of **St Mark's next Saturday at 11am.**

If you can donate any gardening tools which can be used by the Church gardening club then please let me know.

We'll be looking for some Spring bulbs in a few weeks, especially Daffodils.

### CARPET BOWLING CLUB

The Carpet Bowling club will resume in St Mark's Hall on **20TH SEPTEMBER at 1.30pm.** If you are interested in playing carpet bowls then please come along.